# REPORTS

OF THE

# TREASURER AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

OF

# BRADFORD, N. H.

FOR THE

*Year ending March 1, 1875.*

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OF THE

# TOWN OF BRADFORD,

## For the year 1874.

John W. Morse, Treasurer,

In account with Town of Bradford.

| 1874. | | Dr. |
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| March 1. | To cash on hand, | $ 1,880 62 |
| | received of Selectmen at sundry times, hired by the town, in the course of the year, | 10.742 68 |
| | of Timothy P. Jones, Collector of Taxes for the year 1870, | 53 09 |
| | of Timothy P. Jones, Collector of Taxes for the year 1871, | 330 13 |

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| of Timothy P. Jones, Collector of Taxes for the year 1872, | 500 | 00 |
| of Timothy P. Jones, Collector of Taxes for the year 1873, | 2,725 | 98 |
| of Timothy P. Jones, interest on 1870, '71, '72, and '73 taxes, | 200 | 00 |
| of E. H. Eaton, Collector of Taxes for the year 1874, | 8,270 | 86 |
| of E. H. Eaton, interest on taxes, | 17 | 40 |
| of Selectmen for Savings Bank Tax | 549 | 50 |
| of Selectmen for Railroad Tax, | 116 | 72 |
| of Selectmen for Literary Fund, | 91 | 84 |
| of Selectmen for United States Bonds, | 64 | 00 |
| of Selectmen for interest on Mrs. Hawks' note, | 1 | 12 |
| of Selectmen for Metropolitan show, | 3 | 00 |
| of Selectmen for support of A. Slazer, | 55 | 00 |
| of Selectmen for support of County paupers, | 113 | 57 |
| of Selectmen for sale of lots in "Pleasant Hill" Cemetery, | 33 | 67 |
| of Selectmen for use of Town Hall, | 40 | 05 |
| of Selectmen for abatements and non resident highway receipts for 1870, '71, '72, and '73, | 86 | 04 |
| | $ 25,875 | 27 |

## John W. Morse, Treasurer

In account with Town of Bradford.

1874.

| | By cash paid. | | Cr. |
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| March 6, | Sharon Jameson, water trough, | $3 00 | |
| | P. D. Ward, breaking road, | 7 35 | |
| | Tim. P. Jones, bridge plank, &c., | 25 57 | |
| 7, | A. J. Putney, support of Judith Putney, | 26 00 | |
| | Chas. F. Davis, services to date, | 4 00 | |
| | H. Colby, bd. C. F. Davis & horse, | 17 00 | |
| | J. M. Fitz, support of transient paupers, | 8 00 | |
| | J. A. Peaslee, breaking road, | 20 85 | |
| 9, | Ed. Cressy, repairs, bridge, &c., | 10 10 | |
| | Wm. M. Sargent, printing town reports, | 34 10 | |
| 13, | A. J. Hastings, support H. Presby, | 7 50 | |
| 14, | Ellen Parker, amount of note, | 251 22 | |
| 21, | C. W. Foster, " " | 113 62 | |
| 24, | A. Robbins, bal. of salary, | 25 00 | |
| 28, | Henry Bixby, keeping transient paupers, | 3 00 | |
| | Jas. M. Hoyt, breaking road, | 15 40 | |
| | J. M. Hoyt, work non-resident tax | 11 25 | |
| | J. H. Collins, snowing bridge, &c., | 9 33 | |
| | J. H. Ewins, am't of 2 notes, | 2,420 53 | |
| | J. C. Bailey, use of water trough, | 3 00 | |
| | | | $3,015 82 |
| April 6, | G. W. Ewins, overtax for 1871, | 4 76 | |
| 8, | B. W. Sanborn, Inventory book and stationery, | 12 08 | |
| 10, | Mary Hall, am't. of note, | 242 13 | |
| 13, | Josh. Eaton, services as auditor, | 2 00 | |
| | J. J. Blaisdell, " " | 2 00 | |
| 17, | P. B. Craige, breaking road, | 14 50 | |
| 18, | A. J. Hastings, support H. Presby, | 7 50 | |
| 20, | Harvey Colby, self and horse, | 6 25 | |
| 18, | Osmon Bailey, am't of 2 notes, | 1,022 92 | |

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| | 21, B. M. Cummings, am't. of note, | 224 | 51 | |
| | 25, Prescott Colby, breaking road, | 18 | 17 | |
| | 27, G. B. Bagley, " " | 3 | 15 | |
| | | | | $1,559 97 |
| May | 2, Ira Plummer, am't. of note, | 247 | 00 | |
| | 4, Benj. Cram, breaking road, | 15 | 30 | |
| | 7, Clarissa Hawks, part pay on note | 25 | 58 | |
| | T. R. G. Chase, fruit trees for town farm, | 53 | 00 | |
| | 8, L. H. True, breaking road, | 6 | 74 | |
| | 13, H. M. Dow, repairs bridge, road, | 9 | 20 | |
| | 16, M. W. Tappan, retaining fee, | 25 | 00 | |
| | 18, Edwin Nichols, breaking road, | 10 | 95 | |
| | 26, Matilda Colby, part pay on note, | 440 | 00 | |
| | 30, John Harriman, support of Ann Sargent, | 25 | 50 | |
| | Albert Brown, breaking road | 3 | 80 | |
| | M. A. Jones, am't. of note, | 25 | 60 | |
| | Mary Jones, " " | 35 | 61 | |
| | W. H. Sawyer, " " | 508 | 55 | |
| | | | | $1,431 83 |
| June | 1, W. H. Bean, amt. of ten notes, | 1,391 | 12 | |
| | L. D. Johnson, " one " | 163 | 02 | |
| | 12, J. A. Peaslee, breaking road, | 9 | 87 | |
| | 18, Lucy A. Messer, am't two notes, | 754 | 16 | |
| | Stephen Folsom, " one " | 628 | 88 | |
| | 20, A. J. Putney, support of Judith Putney, | 30 | 00 | |
| | J. H. Blaisdell, am't. of note, | 41 | 30 | |
| | 25, G. T. Dunfield, school money, | 15 | 91 | |
| | 26, Marshall Eaton, " " | 125 | 00 | |
| | 27, J. A. Peaslee, plank, stringers and labor, | 45 | 58 | |
| | H. C. Brockway, plank, stringers and labor, | 5 | 98 | |
| | D. G. & A. Peaslee, plank, string- and labor, | 20 | 94 | |
| | Joshua Eaton, plank, stringers and labor, | 17 | 50 | |
| | J. C. Bailey, repairs on committee room, | 2 | 00 | |

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| | J. C. Bailey, casket for Fanny Presby, | 12 00 | |
| | | | $3,263 26 |
| July | 1, Oliver Peasley, damage done sheep by dogs, | 15 00 | |
| | 3, C. N. Bailey, am't. of note, | 205 11 | |
| | 9, P. J. Stevens, " " | 110 77 | |
| | Vinal Stevens, " two notes, | 246 35 | |
| | 11, F. H. Marshall, " one note, | 68 68 | |
| | 13, Wm. Trow, part of sch. money, | 38 00 | |
| | Benj. R. Ayer, am't. of note, | 129 00 | |
| | A. S. Cressy, school money, | 51 51 | |
| | J. H. Eaton, breaking roads, | 14 75 | |
| | 14, F. L. Whitcomb, school money, | 22 00 | |
| | 16, S. G. Stevens, " " | 10 20 | |
| | 21, A. J. Putney, support of Judith Putney, | 9 00 | |
| | 23, E. F. Barnard, school money, | 35 00 | |
| | 27, Hiram Nichols, " " | 40 00 | |
| | " " breaking road, | 6 90 | |
| | | | $1,002 27 |
| August | 1, J. C. Jones, am't of two notes, | 766 74 | |
| | T. P. Jones, lumber for bridges, | 15 54 | |
| | 4, Fred F. Brown, am't of note, | 124 60 | |
| | 14, Alonzo Robbins, part of salary, | 100 00 | |
| | 27, Hiram Nichols, 5 year old ox, | 80 00 | |
| | 29, Lydia Sargent, part pay on note, | 70 25 | |
| | Lucy M. Rowe, " " | 66 88 | |
| | C. W. Newman, overtax on dog, | 1 00 | |
| | | | $1,225 01 |
| Sept. | 1, Wm. D. Sawyer, work on road, | 8 65 | |
| | 2, County Treasurer, county tax, | 1,180 56 | |
| | 3, Geo. W, Tucker, am't of note, | 516 67 | |
| | 7, J. K. Lund, bolts for cemetery, | 1 55 | |
| | 10, Jona. Andrews, repairing road, | 11 03 | |
| | L. B. Butman, " Gulf hill, | 36 50 | |
| | 12, J. F. Buswell, cloth'g, J. Putney, | 8 00 | |
| | 14, C. P. Pike, bridge near H. Nichols's, | 35 72 | |

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| | C. P. Pike, repairs on road, | 44 06 | | |
| | 17, Marvin C. Brown, Am't of note, | 186 94 | | |
| | 23, Helen M. Colby, part pay on note, | 15 00 | | |
| | 24, George B. Hanchett, am't of note, | 252 99 | | |
| | 26, John Harriman, board of Anna Sargent, | 25 50 | $2,323 | 17 |
| October | 3, Mrs. S. S. Cook, part pay on note, | 140 00 | | |
| | 9, Marshall Eaton, school money, | 97 00 | | |
| | 12, Clarissa Ward, part pay on note, | 20 00 | | |
| | Sullivan G. Stevens, school money, | 42 00 | | |
| | 14, Frank T. Carr, insurance town Hall, | 15 30 | | |
| | 21, Betsey Farmer, am't of note, | 198 67 | | |
| | 22, Presson C. Dowlin, am't of note, | 26 13 | | |
| | S. M. Dinsmoore, part pay on note, | 18 54 | | |
| | 29, L. Beecher Butman, repair bridge, | 16 92 | | |
| | H. H. Harriman, perambulating line, | 1 50 | | |
| | | | $576 | 06 |
| Nov. | 4. Chas. F. Davis, repair of bridge and road, | 9 80 | | |
| | 10, B. F. Abbott, non-resident highway tax, | 10 15 | | |
| | Dorcas Farson, part pay on note, | 50 00 | | |
| | 11, Alonzo Robbins, part of salary, | 100 00 | | |
| | 12, J. W. Ward, school money, | 52 47 | | |
| | 13, Wm. A. Nichols, " " | 61 09 | | |
| | 14, R. C. Colby, non-resident highway tax, | 3 10 | | |
| | 20, T. W. Nelson, damage, himself, | 25 00 | | |
| | T. W. Nelson, damage, oxen, | 60 00 | | |
| | Clarissa Hawks, am't of note, | 255 61 | | |
| | 30, J. W. Marshall, part pay on note, | 60 00 | | |
| | | | $687 | 22 |

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| Dec. | 2, State treasurer, State tax, | 1,336 | 00 | |
| | E. H. Eaton part pay for collecting tax, | 50 | 00 | |
| | E. H. Eaton, am't poor farm tax, | 36 | 65 | |
| | Jonathan Andrews, repair road, | 5 | 85 | |
| | 14, N. T. Clark, medical services J. Atwood, | 13 | 50 | |
| | N. T. Clark, medical services, Fanny Presby, | 6 | 50 | |
| Dec. | 17, M. R. Hoyt, non-resident highway taxes, | 6 | 96 | |
| | 19, J. K. P. Friend, damage, horse and carriage, | 75 | 00 | |
| | 26, Ruthy Benton, part pay on note, | 15 | 00 | |
| | S. G. Stevens, school money, | 40 | 28 | |
| | 30, Alonzo Robbins, meat furnished J. Atwood, | 15 | 70 | |
| | 31, Emeline Colby, part pay on note, | 50 | 00 | |
| | | | | $1659 44 |
| 1875, Jan. | 1, J. W. Sawyer, for wood del'd J. Atwood, | 20 | 00 | |
| | 2, Lucy A. Messer, am't of note, | 744 | 54 | |
| | 4, A. J. Hastings, support Hazen Presby, | 11 | 00 | |
| | 5, J. Miller Howe, school money, | 3 | 57 | |
| | 8, Geo. T. Dunfield, " " | 60 | 00 | |
| | 14, Sharon Jameson, water trough, | 3 | 00 | |
| | 15, Jonathan Andrews, school money | 72 | 80 | |
| | 16, Everett Kittredge, am't of note, | 152 | 39 | |
| | Alonzo Robbins, plank & labor, | 7 | 11 | |
| | 19, L. H. True, digging grave for Fanny Presby, | 2 | 50 | |
| | E. Pepper, services at funeral of Fanny Presby, | 3 | 00 | |
| | 20, John Hoyt, repair highway & guide boards, | 18 | 18 | |
| | 23, F. L. Whitcomb, school money, | 43 | 36 | |
| | 27, Addison S. Cressy, " " | 100 | 00 | |
| | 29, Hiram Nichols, " " | 69 | 16 | |
| | 30, L. A. Presby, int. on note, | 40 | 00 | |

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| | John S. Davis, am't of note, | 1,410 | 51 | |
| | Henry Bixbee, work on road and non-resident tax, | 9 | 26 | |
| | | | | $2,770 38 |
| Feb. | 1, J. A. Peaslee, keeping transient paupers, | 7 | 00 | |
| | H. S. Fitz, keeping transient paupers, | 15 | 00 | |
| | Geo. W. Carr, school money, B. Putney, | 3 | 15 | |
| | P. B. Richards, med. attendance A. C. Fitz, | 15 | 00 | |
| | P. B. Richards, med. attendance Daniel Cheney, | 22 | 00 | |
| | H. M. Dow, damage sheep by dogs, | 8 | 50 | |
| | Hannah Cook, support Adaline Fitz, | 20 | 57 | |
| | E. G. Stevens, lumber & labor on bridge, | 1 | 55 | |
| | Alonzo Robbins, keeping transient paupers, | 12 | 00 | |
| | John Harriman, board Ann Sargent, | 27 | 00 | |
| | 6, Allen Cressy, am't of note, | 173 | 70 | |
| | 9, George Jones, rent of pasture and tax on same, | 33 | 64 | |
| | 17, J. C. Bailey, repair town house, | 4 | 74 | |
| | " pole for hearse, | 15 | 00 | |
| | " casket, shroud and box for Hazen Presby, | 20 | 50 | |
| | J. C. Bailey, water trough, | 3 | 00 | |
| | Marshall Eaton, school money, | 309 | 42 | |
| | 18, Albert Sargent, damage done sheep by dogs, | 10 | 00 | |
| | 19, J. W. Marshall, am't of note, | 46 | 33 | |
| | 20, Clarissa Ward, " " " | 43 | 43 | |
| | Edward Cressy, lumber and labor on bridge, | 11 | 60 | |
| | Wm. Trow, school money, | 64 | 89 | |
| | Ezekiel Barnard, school money, | 21 | 66 | |

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| 23, Hollis L. Blood, am't of note, | 213 | 45 |
| H. C. Brockway, non-resident highway tax, | 4 | 57 |
| Alonzo Robbins, breaking road, | 35 | 44 |
| D. G. & A. Peaslee, damage to sheep by dogs, | 4 | 00 |
| D. G. & A. Peaslee, use of water trough, | 3 | 00 |
| 24, J. C. Bailey, casket & shroud Daniel Cheney, | 16 | 00 |
| B. F. Hoyt, breaking road, | 40 | 57 |
| E. H. Eaton, discount on taxes, | 60 | 60 |
| " copying sales, non-resident lands, | 10 | 00 |
| E. H. Eaton, abatements, | 26 | 66 |
| " non-resident receipts, | 64 | 49 |
| E. H. Eaton, sales non-resident lands, | 55 | 89 |
| E. H. Eaton, collecting taxes for 1874, | 33 | 00 |
| E. H. Eaton sales resident lands sold for taxes, | 49 | 17 |
| John Hoyt, breaking road, | 50 | 43 |
| N. R. Forsaith, breaking road, | 14 | 85 |
| P. B. Richards, med. services for Daniel Cheney, | 21 | 00 |
| Benjamin Cram, breaking roads, | 20 | 70 |
| 24, T. P. Jones, abatements for 1870, | 7 | 28 |
| T. P. Jones, non-resident highway receipts, 1871, | 2 | 12 |
| T. P. Jones, abatements for 1871, | 20 | 29 |
| T. P. Jones, abatements for 1872, | 7 | 52 |
| T. P. Jones, non-resident highway receipts 1873, | 2 | 84 |
| T. P. Jones abatements for 1873, | 45 | 99 |

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| | " lumber & sawing for bridges, | 3 | 00 |
| | T. P. Jones, collecting taxes, for 1870 '71 '72 '73, | 36 | 95 |
| | Page Cofran, breaking roads, | 2 | 85 |
| 25, | T. M. Craige, breaking roads, | 11 | 88 |
| | John Blanchard, am't of note, | 1,338 | 23 |
| | Henry Bixby, breaking roads, | 24 | 68 |
| | Benj. F. Abbott, " " | 43 | 23 |
| | French & Little, stove, sap buckets & tinware, | 22 | 45 |
| | D. & W. A. Carr, balance for store goods, | 98 | 36 |
| | Sawyer & Martin, balance for store goods, | 4 | 50 |
| | J. W. Morse, balance for store goods, | 50 | 40 |
| | J. F. Buswell, clothing for poor on town farm, | 16 | 00 |
| | Alonzo Robbins, cash paid out on acc't. poor farm, | 18 | 12 |
| | Albert Sargent, breaking roads, | 26 | 75 |
| | Raymond Hoyt, " " | 36 | 35 |
| | Lydia L. Cheney, nursing Daniel Cheney, | 14 | 00 |
| | Silas Colby, supplies for Daniel Cheney, | 29 | 20 |
| | Fred Cheney, repair highway, cutting bushes, | 6 | 20 |
| 26, | H. C. Brockway, breaking roads, | 29 | 70 |
| | G. C. Trow, services as Supt. Sch. Com., | 69 | 94 |
| | Fred Cheney, breaking road, | 15 | 52 |
| | J. H. Eaton, " " | 17 | 20 |
| | C. P. Pike, " " | 35 | 52 |
| | R. C. Colby, " " | 17 | 34 |
| | C. F. Davis, " " | 33 | 30 |
| | J. Howlett, 2d " " | 15 | 79 |
| 27, | A. Robbins, " " | 10 | 50 |
| | Harvey Colby, Board of L. B. Butman & horse | 8 | 75 |

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| H. Colby Board J. A. Peaslee | 7 50 | |
| " " " Joshua Eaton & horse | 12 00 | |
| Joshua Eaton, services as Selectman | 110 50 | |
| J. Albert Peaslee, services as Selectman | 90 50 | |
| L. Beecher Butman, services as Selectman | 68 25 | |
| J W. Morse, services as Treasurer | 40 00 | |
| Eben Cheney, breaking roads | 24 89 | |
| Ira H. Sargent, " " | 23 25 | |
| David M. Morse, jr. " " | 14 65 | |
| French & Little, repair stove | 4 00 | |
| | | $4,131 79 |
| | | 23,646 22 |
| Cash on hand | | 2,229 05 |
| Total | | $25,875 27 |

JOHN W. MORSE, Town Treasurer.

Bradford, Feb. 27, 1875.

## Auditor's Report.

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of the receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES F. DAVIS,
ADDISON S. CRESSY,
GEORGE S. MORGAN. } Auditing Committee.

Bradford, N. H.
February 27, 1875.

## Poor Farm Report.

We find the Farm chargeable as follows:

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| 1875. | | |
| March 1st. To Farm as per invoice of 1874, | $ 2100 00 | |
| " Personal Property as per invoice of 1874 | 1693 00 | |

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| To Personal Property as per invoice of 1874, | 93 02 | |
| To Personal Property as per invoice of 1874 | 104 40 | |
| To Cash paid George Jones for use of pasture | 25 00 | |
| To Cash paid George Jones taxes on pasture | 8 64 | |
| To Cash paid Agent | 200 00 | |
| " " due Agent | 100 00 | |
| " " paid expenses of Farm | 209 83 | |
| " " H. Nichols for one ox | 80 00 | |
| " " paid for Apple-trees | 53 00 | |
| | | $4,666 89 |

We find the Farm entitled to the following credits:

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| By Farm as per invoice of 1875 | $2100 00 | |
| By Personal Property, per invoice of 1875 | 1703 74 | |
| By Personal Property, per invoice of 1875 | 91 12 | |
| By Personal Property, per invoice of 1875 | 89 36 | |
| By keeping transient paupers | 12 00 | |
| " Produce sold from farm | 245 99 | |
| " apple trees sold from farm | 21 00 | |
| | | $4,263 21 |
| Balance against the farm | | $403 68 |

The number of Paupers supported on the Farm the past year is four and one twelfth.

There has been paid for the support of Paupers off the Farm the past year the sum of $262 90 as follows:

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| Mrs. Judith Putney, | 65 00 |
| Joshua Atwood | 49 20 |

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| Hazen Presby | 46 50 | |
| Daniel Cheney | 102 20 | |
| | | $262 90 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA EATON,
J. ALBERT PEASLEE,
L. BEECHER BUTMAN. } Selectmen of Bradford.

## Town's Liabilities.

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| Total debt of the town up to March 1st, 1875, | $34,589 98 |
| Outstanding bills, estimated, | 250 00 |
| | $34,839 98 |

NOTE.—Amount of Liabilities not reported last year, $275.

### ASSETS.

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| Cash in hands of Treasurer March 1st, 1875, | $2,229 05 |
| Taxes uncollected on T. P. Jones's book of 1870, | 133 02 |
| " " " " " 1871, | 340 07 |
| " " " " " 1872, | 309 40 |
| " " " " " 1873, | 878 52 |
| Due from the United States Government, | 1,870 00 |
| Town Farm as per invoice Feb. 22d, 1875, | 2,100 00 |
| Personal property as per " " " | 1,703 74 |
| " " " " " " | 91 12 |
| " " " " " " | 86 36 |
| Hearse and Hearse house, | 600 00 |
| Town Hall and fixtures, | 800 00 |
| Town safe, | 140 00 |
| Due from the estate of Daniel Cheney, | 102 20 |
| Due on account of non-resident land, sold for taxes of 1874, | 55 89 |
| Due on account of resident land, sold for taxes of 1874, | 49 17 |
| | $11,488 54 |
| Total estimated liabilities, as above | 34,839 98 |
| Deducting assets from liabilities, | 11,488 54 |
| Making Net liabilities, | $23,351 44 |

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| Net liabilities as rendered March 1st, 1874 | $23,327 63 |
| Added liabilities omitted, | 275 00 |
| | $23,602 63 |
| Deduct net liabilities March 1st, 1875, | 23,351 44 |
| Shows a reduction of debt the past year of | $251 19 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA EATON,
J. ALBERT PEASLEE,
L. BEECHER BUTMAN,
*Selectmen of Bradford.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order, have compared their vouchers, cast their figures and found them all correct.

CHARLES F. DAVIS,
ADDISON S. CRESSY,
GEORGE S. MORGAN,
*Auditing Committee.*

Bradford, N. H., Feb. 27th, 1875.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bradford :

The following report of the condition of your schools is respectfully submitted.

**District No. 1.** Addison S. Cressy, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Winter Terms, taught by Mrs. Ella F. Cressy. Mrs. Cressy is a favorite teacher in this district. By a knowledge of her pupils, acquired during her previous connection with the school, she was enabled to adopt those methods of instruction and discipline that were adapted to the school.

Both terms were successful. If the advancement made during the winter term, in some branches, was not so thorough, it was not owing to any relax in the efforts of the teacher nor lack of obedience on the part of scholars. The school was large and more work was required than could receive proper attention.

**District No. 2.** Hiram Nichols Prudential Committee. Summer Term, taught by Miss Kate M. Gutterson. This was Miss Gutterson's first experience in teaching, but possessing thorough qualifications and evincing a love for her work the term was made one of profit to all attending. The discipline of the school was of a high order. Six scholars were represented as not having whispered during the term. The closing exercises were creditable to both teacher and scholars.

Miss Gutterson's experience in this district speaks well for her future usefulness as a teacher.

Winter term, taught by Miss Etta L. Quimby, who labored earnestly for the advancement of her pupils. The school was well governed and instructed Miss Quimby's experience in our schools the last year has proved her an energetic and faithful teacher. Remark by teacher—think a new school-house would be acceptable both to teacher and pupils.

**District No. 4.** Sullivan G. Stevens Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Miss Nettie P. Johnson. Miss Johnson is a young lady of good literary qualifications for a teacher, and all were anxious that this her first attempt at teaching should be attended with success. At the commencement we were hopeful that the school would be one of profit to the district, but as the term advanced it was found to be unprofitable and it was thought best that the school should close.

Fall and Winter Terms taught by Miss Anne M. Pierce. Miss Pierce's reputation as a teacher is too well known to need comment. Under her instruction the school made thorough and real advancement. Many of those minor points so often neglected received due attention. We find this one of the most interesting schools in town. The examination at the close of the winter term was very satisfactory ; it was quite largely attended by parents and friends, manifesting their deep interest in the school.

**District No. 5.** J. Warren Ward, Prudential Committee. Fall Term taught by Miss Ellen M. Eaton. This district is favored with but a comparatively small amount of schooling, yet we find it high in scholarship and deportment.

We think scholars in districts like this, with but little schooling, more fully appreciate its value and better improve their opportunities than those of more extended advantages.

Under the instruction of Miss Eaton the school made rapid progress. School well governed with but little exertion.

**District No. 6.** William Trow Prudential Committee.

Summer Term taught by Miss Etta F. Nichols. Miss Nichols met with her usual good success, receiving the respect and willing obedience of her scholars as in her previous term in this district. The advancement was commendable to both teacher and scholars.

Winter Term taught by Mr. Leander W. Blodgett. This was Mr. Blodgett's first experience in teaching and consequently indications of inexperience were apparent, but with the coöperation of the parents and fidelity and perseverance on the part of the teacher, the school was made prosperous. With experience and further developments Mr. Blodgett is destined to take a high stand among our practical teachers.

**District No. 7.** Jonathan Andrews Prudential Committee. Fall Term taught by Mrs. Rose E. Dinsmore. School small but nevertheless demanding good instruction. The deportment maintained was good and the advancement satisfactory to the district.

**District No. 8.** Frank L. Whitcomb, Bradford, John Rogers Warner, Prudential Committee. Summer Term taught by Miss Clara M. Smith. The opening of the school was indicative of a prosperous term. Your committee was delayed in visiting the school at its close, and heard but a small portion of the closing exercises and consequently is not prepared to state in regard to the progress, but was favorably impressed. The good feeling existing between teacher and pupils was noticeable. This was Miss Smith's first school.

Winter Term taught by Mr. William G. Hoyt. Under the management of Mr. Hoyt the school continued in its onward progress. Discipline of a high order. Instruction good.

**District No. 10.** William Nichols Prudential Committee. Fall Term taught by Miss Etta L. Quimby. School well conducted and prosperous. Miss Quimby entered into her work with an enthusiasm that called forth all the energy of her pupils. Much valuable oral instruction was given.

**District No. 11.** George T. Dunfield Prudential Committee. Summer Term taught by Miss Annie M. Stevens, who performed her duty with a faithfulness that merited the approbation of all, and consequently a prosperous school. Remarks by teacher—received the hearty co-operation of parents. The only fault not scholars enough.

Winter Term taught by Miss Etta F. Nichols. School much larger than last year. Under the judicious management of Miss Nichols the school was quite prosperous. The

scholars apparently manifested a deep interest in their studies. The improvement was satisfactory.

**District No. 12.** Ezekiel F. Barnard Prudential Committee. Summer Term taught by Miss Emeline A. Tappan. The school appeared well at the commencement. The teacher endeavored to do her duty. The progress made in all the branches was sufficiently rapid but perhaps in some lacked in thoroughness. Geography received good attention. Miss Tappan needs experience.

Winter Term taught by Mr. Fred. H. Colby, a worthy young man of unquestionable morals and possessing good qualifications, but inexperienced in teaching. The school might have been a success had the teacher received more fully the coöperation of the inhabitants of the district. After five weeks the school was closed by Mr. Colby's resigning his position. The services of Mr. S. S. Bean were secured and the school continued. The term passed quietly and was very profitable.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

The schools of Bradford, the past year, as a whole, have been as efficient and profitable as in any previous year, tho' they have not all passed with that quietness and good feeling which prevailed in the same schools last year, your committee feels confident in stating that your schools were never in a more prosperous condition than at the close of the present school year. I do not wish to convey the idea that our schools have reached that high degree of proficiency that they should: they are far from it and many influences are acting to keep them in their present condition. In many of our schools reading, spelling and writing do not receive sufficient attention. A new series of grammars has been introduced during the year and new interest awakened. Scholars are generally studious and appear anxious to learn.

I am in a mood for singing the same "old song" in regard to school-houses, but will only refer you to former reports. Would not a new school-house in some districts increase the valuation of real estate to the amount of its cost?

## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Gentlemen: it depends upon you to furnish the first requisite for a prosperous school—a good teacher. It requires the

exercise of no small amount of judgment to choose one adapted to the work. A teacher may meet with unparalleled success in one school but fail in others.

Let it be your desire to secure the services of a competent teacher rather than a long school. Visit your schools more and look well after their interest. The laws of New Hampshire as pertaining to common schools are published with forms and decisions in the "School Digest," a copy of which is furnished each district. By giving this pamphlet a careful perusal you may the better understand your duties and liabilities.

## PARENTS.

Your schools are in a great degree what you make them. If a child at home is not taught moral principles and no desire of knowledge is encouraged, be assured the school will fail to accomplish what requires the united influence of both. Give scholars thorough home training and teachers the coöperation of parents, and nine tenths of our school difficulties will cease. That many of our school rooms are poorly supplied with black-boards and entirely destitute of maps and globes, may be seen by visiting them. It is in your power to remedy this. Consider the question well and do your duty.

Your committee has become convinced that many of our teachers are not up to the standard, and sees the remedy only through the careful examination of applicants for certificates and the rejection of all such as are found wanting in the necessary qualifications. He holds it is a duty that a committee owes to the rising generation and to the community at large to fulfil this trust to the letter.

The law requires that applicants for certificates "shall produce evidences of a good moral character;" this requirement is left entirely out of view.

In conclusion I will express my regards to prudential committees for the assistance they have rendered and to teachers for their earnest efforts. Finally I will thank the citizens of Bradford for the confidence they have placed in me, believing that I have performed my duty in a faithful and conscientious manner.

GEORGE C. TROW, Committee.

Bradford, N. H., Feb. 26, 1875.

# STATISTICAL TABLE. SUMMER, FALL AND WINTER TERMS.

| No. of District. | District. | Names of Teachers. | No. of Scholars. | Average Attendance. | No. not attending | No. not Absent one half day. | Times Tardy. | Visits by S. S. C. | Visits by P. C. | No. of Visitors. | Length in weeks. | Wages per month, including board. | Total amount of School money. | No. months ex perience of teach. | Terms. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Centre. | Ella F. Cressy, | 27 | 23.05 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 3 | | 25 | 9 | $22.00 | $ | | Summer. |
| 1 | Centre. | Ella F. Cressy, | 25 | 29.83 | | 5 | 59 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 32.00 | 151.51 | 21 | Winter. |
| 2 | West. | Kate M. Gutterson, | 8 | 5 6 | 5 | | 27 | 2 | | 14 | 10 | 22 00 | | 3 | Summer. |
| 4 | Pond. | Etta L. Quimby, | 17 | 13.94 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 10 | 28 00 | 109.16 | 17 | Winter. |
| 4 | Pond. | Nettie P. Johnson, | 14 | 12.38 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 1 | | 3 | 3 | 20.00 | | 1 | Summer. |
| 4 | Pond. | Anne M. Pierce, | 20 | 15.5 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 7 | 24.00 | | | Fall. |
| 4 | Pond. | Anne M. Pierce, | 20 | 17. | 3 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 8 | 24.00 | 100.43 | 49 | Winter. |
| 5 | Colby. | Ellen M. Eaton, | 13 | 11.16 | 1 | 4 | 55 | 2 | | 6 | 12 | 20.00 | 52.47 | 21 | Fall. |
| 6 | Plain. | Etta F. Nichols, | 12 | 10.49 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | 28 | 10 | 20.00 | | | Summer. |
| 6 | Plain. | Leander W. Blodgett, | 24 | 19.5 | 1 | | 88 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 30.00 | 102.89 | 3 | Winter. |
| 7 | Andrew's. | Rose E. Dinsmore, | 5 | 4.46 | | 1 | 4 | 2 | | 31 | 12 | 19.00 | 72.80 | 11 | Fall. |
| 8 | Melvin's.* | Clara M. Smith, | 3 | 1.54 | | 1 | 5 | 2 | | 12 | 9 | 21.00 | | 2 | Summer. |
| 8 | Melvin's.* | Wm. G. Hoyt, | 2 | 1.96 | 1 | | 26 | 2 | | 18 | 10 | 36.27 | 65.96 | 9 | Winter. |
| 10 | Springs. | Etta L. Quimby, | 8 | 7.15 | | 2 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 9 | 24.00 | 61.09 | | Fall. |
| 11 | Jewett's. | Annie M. Stevens, | 8 | 7.25 | | 4 | 7 | 2 | | 12 | 7 | 18.00 | | 4 | Summer. |
| 11 | Jewett's. | Etta F. Nichols, | 11 | 10.2 | | 5 | 9 | 2 | | 16 | 10 | 30.00 | 75.91 | 18 | Winter. |
| 12 | Union.† | Emeline A. Tappan, | 2 | 2. | | 2 | | 2 | | 8 | 10 | 14.00 | | 3 | Summer. |
| 12 | Union.† | Fred H. Colby, | 3 | 3. | | 2 | 18 | 2 | | 14 | 5 | 30.00 | | 1 | Winter. |
| 12 | Union.† | Stephen S. Bean. | 5 | 4.66 | | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 42.00 | 59.66 | 201 | Winter. |

* Union with No. 17, Warner. † Union with No. 6, Newbury

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